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Durick Assembly #2389

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### Grand Knight's March Message

Brothers,

March is the month of spring and of Easter (this year anyway.) It is a month rich with pagan and Christian symbolism.

The word "Easter" is taken from the Germanic pagan goddess Easter, who was worshipped as the goddess of the dawn. On the first day of the Vernal Equinox, people would come together and celebrate the springing forth or the rebirth of plants and animals in the world around them after the cold darkness and desolation of winter.

It is in this very same way that after the Lenten period of prayer and fasting in which we experience the "death" of those things in our lives that are without merit, we rise up in the hope and joy of new life with the risen Christ, who has broken free from the bonds of death and come forth from the cold, dark tomb at dawn on the first day of the week.

The symbolism that I speak of continues with the Easter egg. It has been thought of for numerous years as a pagan symbol of fertility, but there is no real evidence to show that eggs were used in any pagan celebrations of spring. However, at the Passover meal called a "Seder," hard-boiled eggs are dipped in saltwater to symbolize new life and the Passover sacrifice that was offered at the Temple in Jerusalem.

As part of another springtime ritual, I would like to remind you to remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on March 8th as daylight saving time begins on March 9th.

Vivat Jesus, Mitch Parochka, Grand Knight

How can you tell a leprechaun is having a good time?  
He's Dublin over with laughter.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/09 Regional Free Throw Contest - St. Rose**
- 03/16 4th Deg Assembly - 5:00 pm**
- 03/16 Council Mtg - Social Hr 6pm, Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 03/17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 03/23 Easter Egg Hunt - noon**
- 04/05 Fourth Degree, Paris, TN**
- 04/19-20 Silent Auction**
- 04/21 Second Degree, St. Stephens**
- 05/02 Senior Banquet Mass - 6 pm**
- 05/17 Third Degree, OLOL**

### New Brothers

In February our Council gained two Brothers as James Word transferred from the St. Joseph Council and Leonard Suter was readmitted to our Council.

James is a longtime middle Tenn resident. He and his wife, Lynn, were married and moved to Hendersonville about 2 years ago. He is a Fire Hydrant Inspector with the Metro Water Dept. His e-mail address is Jgw1957@Bellsouth.net. James is Ed Corbitt's cousin.

Leonard and his wife, Kay, are longtime parishioners at OLOL. Leonard works for Advantage Sales and Marketing. His e-mail address is Leonard.suter@asmnet.com.

### Fraternal Benefits News It Takes More Than Money

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments - real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying - occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis - without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you. Contact me by e-mail at [Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org](mailto:Stephen.Sullivan@kofc.org) or by phone at 516-9358.

Vivat Jesus! Stephen Sullivan

Did you hear about the little green man who went to jail?  
Yeah, he was a lebre-con.



Four Knights from Council 9132 received their Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Henry's church on Saturday, March 1st. These new Fourth Degree Knights are : L-R - Tom Myerchin, Mike Murray, Mark Pense, and Don Brayton.

## Highlights from the Feb. Meeting

There were 43 Knights in attendance.

Treasurers report of \$10804.58 current balance

Fr. Bevington told us that Jim Carr is doing well, and also talked about the upcoming Planned Giving seminars that will be held on March 3rd 7-8:30 pm and March 7th 9:30 - 11 am at the church. Professional financial planners will be present to answer questions.

Last month's new members and transferees were introduced and told a little about themselves. The First Degree team was also introduced and commended for their hard work.

Joe Staub spoke about the Silent Auction. He had contact lists and donation letters available for all who needed them. Speak with neighbors and friends who may be able to donate as well as working the lists. Please keep all donated items if you can. If you do not have room, call Joe and he will make arrangements. Let Joe or Bill Degnan know when you have a confirmed donation so that the info. can be entered and the lists kept up to date.

Super Bowl report from Rector: we made approx. \$220 and everyone had a great time. Be sure to thank Sharon Ratcliff if you see her for helping us make this happen.

Fish fry was a great success with us making \$800 to \$1,000 but more importantly everything went smoothly and everyone was pleased

Doug Blake reported that we are doing great with our membership and will double or triple our quota for the year. Mitch mentioned our insurance quota and asked that everyone look into the programs available.

Anyone who would like to nominate or become an officer please contact Mike Rector or Mark Pense. They will be making calls to assess interest.

Dave Eliskovich is preparing all the council program reports to be submitted next month.

The new second degree members include Thom Golden, Jean Die and Mike Manilla

New third degree members include Don Brayton and Stephen Boley

Those who are planning on taking their fourth degree include Mark Pense, Mike Murray and Don Brayton. There will also be another fourth degree held in Paris, TN on April 5th for anyone who is interested.

There will be a 2nd degree at St. Stephens on April 21st and a 3rd degree on May 17th at OLOL

There will be a District 10 meeting held at OLOL on March 8th. A continental breakfast will need to be provided. Grand Knight's discretion will be used to fund the food but some helpers may be needed.

\$150 was approved to fund a table for 10 people at the District Deputies dinner being held on March 8th to benefit St. Cecilia's Postulant's Fund.

MR foundation board nominations are due by March 15th

Steve Sullivan gave the field agents report and spoke about some new annuity options and long term care insurance that are available. Many spots are open for Eucharistic Adoration. Please consider taking a spot.

The Highest Call Catholic Men's Conference will be held on March 1st in Franklin. There will be many great speakers. The cost will be \$35

Doug Blake made a plea for workers to help a friend clean up tornado damage. An e-mail with times and direction will be sent.

Jerry Tachoir spoke about the K of C Senior Appreciation Dinner and \$500 was appropriated to this event which will occur some Friday in April. (Now scheduled for May 2)

Tim Caher reported we had eight people advance to the district free throw contest and of them four have made it to the regional contest.



New Members from January Meeting - Sean Campbell, Chris Gunn, Jim Cunningham, Glen Warren, Perry Boggia, Nick Pecora and Chris Casler.

They include Joseph Jansen, Andrew Gillespie, Morgan Corbitt and Kaylin Nelson

GK Mitch announced the Family of the month as Dan and Sharon Ratcliff for their Pro-Life work and for their other many activities in the parish and for help with the Super bowl party and the Knight of the Month as Art Croteau. Art was the only knight who answered a call for help from Fr. Bevington to help move some bedroom furniture for a parishioner in need plus he assisted with Room in the Inn the night before our Super Bowl Party and he was the first one to arrive to help set up for our Super Bowl party and one of the last people to leave after clean up. Art and his wife, Paulette, are moving to Cleveland, TN to take care of his ailing mother-in-law. We wish them well.

Commemorative pens were given out to those who helped with the Supreme convention last summer.

The 50/50 drawing was for \$37.

**Don Martel's** number was drawn for the \$25 jackpot. He **NOT** being present, next month's jackpot will be \$44.

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Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun  
Because they're always a little short.

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## Fish Frys - A Message from the Fry Daddy Worthy Fryers,

Once again, OLOL Council 9132, showed why it is considered one of the best in the State of Tennessee. Our first fish fry on February 15 was nothing short of spectacular. Approximately 350 people from our parish community were served some of the best Whitefish and Catfish (with all the fixin's) that you could find. The cheese pizza was a big hit, as well as a last minute menu addition of white beans.

The Brotherhood, as usual, showed up in full force to make sure that all went well for the event. Bob Arms and his mobile fish fryer, as well as the new commercial fryer that the Council recently purchased, cranked out fish so tasty that even the best restaurants in town would be envious.

Brothers, once again our Council went above and beyond the call of duty. With all that our Council is involved in with our charitable events, we can still come together and pull off in great fashion, a social event for our Parish Community that is as big as it gets. And from the feedback from the folks at the tables, compliments all around were the order of the day.

Thanks to all who volunteered and an additional report will be coming after our last fry. Thank you all and God Bless.

Mike Rector, Fry Daddy

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You know somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield. It said, "Parking Fine."

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If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

## Emergency Assistance Fund Resolution

A resolution for Council 9132 setting up a procedure for handling future emergency assistance needs of fellow brothers is including in this newsletter for Council members.

This resolution will be introduced at the March meeting and voted on in April.

## Knights Give Tornado Cleanup Help

In the aftermath of the recent tornados, Council 9132 again demonstrated that we know what Brotherhood and Community Involvement are all about as Brothers helped with cleanup.

The first effort was at the property of Brother Loras Vaske where trees had been uprooted and refuse from neighboring homes was strewn all over.

Using rakes, chain saws, wheel barrels, etc., and just plain old brawn, Brothers went to work cleaning up the place.

The second effort was at the property of Dan Dyer a neighbor of Brother Doug Blake whose home had been destroyed by the tornado.

The response in both instances was terrific. As GK Mitch said in his e-mail: "Charity in the service to others is truly the hallmark of Council #9132. I am humbled and proud to be a part of a council that has so many members willing to step up when the need arises.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

## Did You Know

That the KofC has presented Pope Benedict XVI with a gift of \$1.6 million for his personal charities?

That the first celebration of St. Patrick's Day in America was in 1737?

That a new book "A Civilization of Love" by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will be published on March 25?

That there are 34.3 million US residents who claim Irish ancestry?

That the Knights of Columbus is an order that finds the purpose of its existence in its staunch support of the entire program of the Catholic Church?

That Massachusetts ranks first among the states in concentration of residents with Irish ancestry?

## Loras Vaske

As of this writing, Loras has suffered a stroke and his treatments for cancer have been suspended.

Please keep him in your prayers.

## Silent Auction

Chairman Joe Staub urges every Knight to solicit business acquaintances and places they patronize regularly for donations to our Silent Auction to be held April 19/20.

If you have questions call either Joe or Bill Degnan.



Knights help a Brother (above) and a neighbor (below)



Some of the Fish Fry Workers (Fry Daddy Hiding in Back)



Some of the Crowd at the First Fish Fry



Do You Really Need All This Stuff Just to Cook a Few Fish?

**Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly #2389 News**  
**Minutes of Meeting 17th Feb. 2008.**

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Joseph Durick Assembly 2389 met at OLOL at 5pm on the Feb 17th. In the absence of the secretary, David Evjen was asked to take the minutes of the meeting.

The January minutes were approved without objection.

John Bolger stated that there were no new bills to be presented. He reported that the bank balance was \$4067.73.

The Faithful Pursuer had no report

The election committee stated that there needed to be nominations for new officers. Nominations proceeded and were as follows

John Bolger was nominated to be reelected as comptroller by Mitch Parochka

Doug Blake was nominated for Admiral by Fran.

David Evjen was nominated for Pilot by Fran

Murray Wimmer was nominated for Pursuer by Fran

Mitch Parochka stated that while as Grand Knight he would proceed to take on the Faithful Navigator duties, he had to decline, because he is taking over the duties of District Deputy.

Old Business: The law enforcement dinner was announced for May 15th. Ed Corbitt will chair the event and will have updates in the future.

Dwane Hunter asked for new volunteers for Adoration coverage and presented a schedule for fellow knights to look over for potential signup. He also stated that there was to be a March 1 Men's conference retreat in Franklin. It was announced that there was a 4th degree Exemplification on the same day that might compete and each knight would have to schedule accordingly. There were to be 3 to 4 new 4th degree knights: Tom Myerchin, Mike Murray, Mark Pense, and Don Brayton.

New business:

Bert asked for prayer for his upcoming back surgery.

No other business was presented, Doug Blake proceeded to the closing prayer.

## **Emergency Assistance Fund Resolution**

Resolution to establish, operate, and oversee the operation of a committee to provide emergency assistance to Brother Knights of Knights of Columbus Council 9132, Hendersonville, Tennessee and their immediate Family Members.

Be it resolved; in accord with the first principle of our order, Charity, Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus Council 9132, wishes to establish a structured method for the limited purpose of rendering aid and assistance to our Brother Knights and their immediate family members, as here defined, we herewith establish the Council 9132 Emergency Assistance Fund Committee (hereafter, the Committee) and hereby set forth the rules by which its members shall be appointed and serve, how it will be funded by Council 9132, how requests for disbursements may be submitted, how requests shall be evaluated, how requests will be fulfilled and the governance of the committee.

### **The Committee**

The Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight, by virtue of their office, shall serve as voting members of the committee. The Financial Secretary, by virtue of his office, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the committee and shall have the authority to veto any action of the Committee. The Grand Knight shall appoint five knights in good standing having attained at least the Third Degree of the Order, not to include the Trustees of Council 9132, as voting members of the Committee. Current serving Trustees of Council may not serve on the Committee. The members of the Committee for each Fraternal Year shall be appointed within the first thirty days of that year and serve for a one-year term or until such time as their successor is chosen. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.

### **Meetings of the Committee**

A meeting of the Committee may be called at any time by any member of the Committee with twenty-four hours notice to all other members. Attendance by five voting members shall be deemed a quorum of the Committee. The Grand Knight or his designee shall chair all meetings. Meetings of the Committee shall be closed to all persons except for members of the Committee, and any member, in good standing, of Council 9132, invited by a member of the Committee for any purpose deemed appropriate by that member.

Minutes shall be taken and maintained by a designated member of the Committee. For the sake of privacy, two complete sets of minutes shall be maintained. One set of complete minutes, shall be available for inspection with forty-eight hours notice by any member of the Committee, the Trustees of the council, or the Pastor of the Parish. Another set, with all references to the requester deleted, shall be available for inspection with forty-eight hours notice by any member, in good standing, of Council 9132.

### **Funding of the Committee**

Upon approval of this Resolution, the Council shall fund, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council, a checking account at a local financial institution in the amount of \$2000.00. The council shall also approve a fund in the Council's Budget of \$2000.00 for the purpose of maintaining a minimum balance of \$2,000.00 in that account.

The maximum amount of all monies dispersed from the checking account of the Committee shall be \$2000.00 per Fraternal Year. As funds are dispersed, the Financial Secretary shall deposit a like amount to maintain a balance of \$2,000.00 at all times. At the beginning of each Fraternal Year, the Committee, with the approval of the Financial Secretary, will request that \$2,000.00 be set aside in the Council's General Fund for the purpose of dispersing funds for legitimate reasons approved by the Committee up to the maximum set forth here.

### **Procedure for Making Requests to the Committee**

Any member, in good standing\*, of Council 9132, or a member of his immediate family (wife or child) shall be eligible to make a request from the Committee. Requests must be made in writing in an appropriate form as determined by the Committee. All requests shall include at least the following information: Name, Address and Phone Number of the requester. If not a member of the Council, the relationship to a member of the requester, the reason the request is being made, documentation of the need (i.e., the bill, a letter from the debtor or whatever is deemed appropriate by the committee), or an explanation of the need. Requests shall be presented by any member of Council 9132, in good standing.

\*In cases of extreme need, as determined by the Committee, a Knight or a member of his immediate family who is not in good standing may apply.

### **Procedure for Approval and Disbursement of Requests**

A member of the Committee or an appropriately invited member of the Council must present any request. Due diligence, as determined by the Chairman of the meeting, is required before a vote may be taken. A simple majority of the Committee voting in favor of funding the request shall cause the Financial Secretary to disburse funds to the debtor or the requester by check as determined by the Committee. Disbursement of funds shall be accomplished within twenty-four hours of approval by the Committee. The Committee may meet as many times as deemed necessary.

### **Privacy of the Work of the Committee**

The privacy and dignity of all persons seeking assistance from the Committee shall be maintained at all times. Any member who is found to have intentionally violated the privacy of any person making a request of the Committee shall be dealt with in a manner consistent with Section 162, Paragraph 1 of the Supreme By-Laws.

#### Oversight of the Work of the Committee

Oversight of the work of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the Council's Trustees. Trustees shall receive and audit an annual report of the work of the Committee to include; all requests made, disposition of the requests and the total of funds disbursed by the Committee during the Fraternal Year. At the first meeting of the following Fraternal Year, the Financial Secretary shall make a report of the work of the Committee to the Council while protecting the privacy of all requesters to the Committee. The Chairman of the Trustees shall then immediately report to the Council that a proper audit of the work of the Committee has been made and the results of that audit.

#### Modification of the Rules of the Committee

Any member of the Committee may request, in writing, a change or suspension of the rules of the Committee. Requests must be submitted to the Grand Knight or his designee and shall be the first order of business at the next meeting of the Committee. Approval of any modification of the rules of the committee will require a two-thirds majority of the members of the committee and shall be published in the next newsletter of the council.

#### Dissolution of the Committee

If, for any reason, should the Committee by majority vote or two of the Council Trustees shall recommend the dissolution of the Committee, notice shall be given in the Council Newsletter of the intention of this action. At the next regular meeting of the Council a motion shall be made by one of the Trustees and seconded by another of the Trustees to dissolve the Committee and return any available funds to the Council's General Fund. Approval of the Dissolution of the Committee shall require a two-thirds vote of the members, in good standing, attending a meeting of Council where a quorum is present.

Respectfully Submitted, EAF Planning Committee